

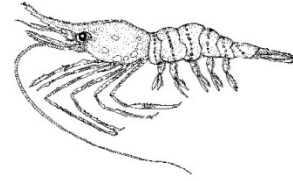
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FISHERY UPDATE

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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP TRAWL FISHERY

The Prince William Sound (PWS) trawl fishery for sidestripe shrimp will open April 15, 2012. The preliminary 2012 guideline harvest levels (GHLs) will be 98,000 lb for the Wells Section, 33,000 lb for the combined Central and Southwest Sections and 14,000 lb for the Northwest Section (Figure 1). To participate, individuals must possess a 2012 P07E or P17E interim use permit available from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial_Fishing_Permit_Application.pdf or ph: 789-6150) and a nonexclusive area vessel registration. Registrations and logbook pages are available at ADF&G offices in Anchorage and Cordova.

Shrimp trawls must meet the requirements in 5 AAC 31.225, which specifies codend mesh size and orientation and a fish excluder device to reduce bycatch of non-target species. Timely reporting of shrimp landings is critical to the successful management of this fishery. **Fishermen are required to telephone the department within 24 hours of a landing and provide catch reports. Furthermore, all fish tickets, accompanied by completed logbook pages, must be received in the Cordova or Anchorage office within seven days of landing.**

Fishery management and other pertinent regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2009-2012 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** book. These are available at department offices in Anchorage, Cordova, and Homer or at http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/geninfo/regs/cf_regs.php. Prospective fishery participants should thoroughly review the regulatory requirements for this fishery.

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Figure 1. Map depicting the 2012 Prince William Sound commercial shrimp trawl fishing sections and trawl closure area.

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